

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Badrak et al.

**Serial No.: 10/713,711**

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For: Method and Apparatus for  
Expandable Liner Hanger with  
Bypass

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**Group Art Unit: 3672**

Examiner: Thompson, K.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 4, 2004**

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 4, 2004 and extended one month up to and including September 4, 2004 with the Request for One-Month Extension of Time included herewith, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0127.C1/WBP, the fee of \$230 for an additional independent claim and for excess claims, and for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.